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SUBJ: CLARIFICATION OF SIAD'S LETTER; DESIRE FOR DECLARATION AND
ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS

REFS: A) MOGADISCIO 0899; B) MOGADISCIO 0900

1. SIAD CALLED ME TO HIS RESIDENCE THIS AFTERNOON, APRIL 27, TO
ASK WHAT CLARIFICATION WAS NEEDED IN HIS LETTER TO ME OF APRIL 23.
HE SAID AMBASSADOUR ADDOU PHONED LAST NIGHT AFTER BEING TOLD BY THE
DEPARTMENT THAT SOME ADDITIONAL WORDS WERE NECESSARY. I SAID
I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO HIS LETTER, BUT WOULD SEEK
PROMPT ADVICE FROM WASHINGTON. THE SOMALI LEADER THEN SAID HE HAD
NOT SEEN ANY RESPONSE TO HIS APPEAL FOR A DECLARATION ON THE
HORN OF AFRICA. I REMINDED HIM AGAIN OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT
THE CENTO MEETING, BUT HE ARGUED THAT HE NEEDED A MORE EXPLICIT
DECLARATION DEALING WITH SOMALIA ALONE. ONLY YOU (THE US) CAN
RESTRAIN THE SOVIETS, HE REPEATED.

2. WE THEN DISCUSSED SEVERAL TOPICS, THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, THE
OAU MEETING, THE WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, RELATIONS WITH THE PALESTINIANS,

RELIEF EFFORTS IN SOMALIA, AND THE EDIBLE OIL SHORTFALL, ALL OF
WHICH I SHALL REPORT BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM. AT THE CLOSE OF OUR
SESSION, SIAD AGAIN MENTIONED ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS. HE REFERRED

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BACK TO HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH SPECIAL EMISSARY MOOSE, AND SAID
HE WAS SURE ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS FELL IN THE CATEGORY OF DEFENSIVE
WEAPONS. HIS NEED IN THIS AREA WAS CRITICAL, HE SAID, AS WELL
AS URGENT. I TOLD HIM I WOULD REPORT THE IMPORTANCE
HE ATTACHED TO THAT SUBJECT.

3. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF HIS PUZZLEMENT OVER THE LETTER, SIAD

WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS AND RELAXED TODAY. HE MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER,
THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT HE HAS GIVEN US IN WRITING
THE GUARANTEES THE US SOUGHT, AND NOW HE LOOKS FOR A RESPONSE.
THERE IS NOT MUCH HOPE OF GETTING TO HIM TOMORROW ON THE MOSELEM
HOLIDAY, BUT I SHOULD LIKE AT MINIMUM TO CLARIFY THE LETTER DURING
OUR BUSINESS DAY ON THE 29TH. IF I COULD GIVE HIM AT THAT TIME
SOME IDEA OF THE PROJECTED TIMING OF OUR VARIOUS STEPS, SEE MY
FINAL PARAGRAPH OF MOGADISCIO 0900, IT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.
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